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TEN CENTS A WEEK

REPUBLIC DECREED BY AID OF ARMS

Workmen and Troops Took Possession of City.

SQUAD OF CAVALRY IS AMBUSHED

Stories of Desperate Fighting Between Troops and Insurgents—Barbarities Practiced on Landlords—Insurgents Lost 300 Men; Dragoons, 14.

Mitau, Province of Courland, Russia (dated) by mail to St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—Frightful stories are pouring in from the interior where desperate fighting has occurred between the troops and insurgents. Revolting tales are told of the barbarities practiced on the German landlords who are more detested by the Letts than are the Russians. In a fight near Tuscum 14 dragoons were killed and 16 wounded. It is estimated that the insurgents lost 300 men killed.

A squadron of cavalry was ambushed and badly cut up near Grosantz and limped into Mitau with its wounded.

Fear Polish Uprising.

St Petersburg, Dec. 20.—Despite the statement that two army corps are being sent to the Baltic provinces, it is learned that no considerable number of troops are available. The government has sent two regiments from St. Petersburg in reply to the frantic appeals for reinforcements, but it is considered too dangerous to deplete the garrison of the capital any further during the present crisis, and the government can only await the arrival of the Cossacks and other troops which are being hurried forward by General Linévitch from Manchuria. In the meantime the government's fear is that the rebellion which is extending southward to the Polish frontier may arouse the Poles to an armed uprising.

Republic Established.

Reliable details regarding the establishment of the so-called republic of Kharkoff have at last arrived. The workmen's Socialist organizations joined by 300 troops, took possession of the city and with the aid of militia armed with pikes, revolvers and axes, established a government of "federated council," as the executive committee was called. This council issued decrees which the authorities were perfectly powerless to resist.

The council turned off the electricity from the houses on the ground that it benefited the rich while allowing it to burn in the street, it benefited the people. When a robber was captured he was placed under a trip hammer with the threat that it would be dropped unless he revealed the whereabouts of the booty. This was usually effective, and the stolen goods returned to its owner.

Two notorious robbers were hanged in the public square.

SIX KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

Caused by Drilling in Hole in Which Dynamite Had Been Left.

New York, Dec. 20.—Six men were killed and more than a dozen injured in a dynamite explosion in an excavation for a new building opposite the Waldorf-Astoria hotel today.

The explosion was caused by some workmen who started to re-drill a partially drilled hole in which several sticks of dynamite had been left last night. About 20 men were at work in the vicinity of this particular hole.

Some of them were blown to atoms. There were 50 men at work in the entire excavation.

Pioneer Railroader Dead.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 20.—Luther Filmore, formerly superintendent of the South Pacific coast (narrow gauge) running between Oakland and Santa Cruz, died yesterday at the age of 73 years. Mr. Filmore was a pioneer in railroading in the United States. At the age of 21 years he built the Syracuse and Birmingham railroad and in 1837 rebuilt the Erie road.

BOYS' REFORM SCHOOL BURNED.

Three Hundred Inmates Were Housed in the Building.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The boys' reform school of the District of Columbia, located some distance outside of Washington, caught fire at 3 o'clock this morning and the main building in which were housed 300 boys, was totally destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$50,000. No lives were lost.

As soon as the alarm was sounded the guards immediately set about rescuing the boys at the same time summoning to their aid police reserves.

It is not believed that any of the prisoners got away from the institution. In fact, most of them rendered valuable aid to the members of the fire department in the effort to save the surrounding structures, and it is said were under good control of their guards from the start.

The cause of the fire is not definitely known, but it is believed to have resulted from spontaneous combustion. Many supplies were also destroyed.

BILL FAVORABLY REPORTED.

Will Admit All Philippine Products Free Except Sugar and Tobacco.

Washington, Dec. 20.—By a vote of 7 to 5 the house committee on ways and means reported favorable today on the Payne bill admitting all Philippine products into the United States free excepting sugar and tobacco, which are to pay 25 per cent of the Dingley rates until 1909, when they also are to go on the free list.

Two amendments were made to the measure originally introduced in the house by Mr. Payne. At the suggestion of Representative Hill, of Connecticut, a provision was added that all American sugar and tobacco are to be admitted into the Philippines free of duty, and a new section was added which provides that no Philippine products now in warehouses in the United States shall be exempted from duties under the proposed measure.

Washington Opposes Lyons.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Register of the Treasury Judson Lyons, the Augusta negro lawyer who for eight years has been Republican national committeeman, has not given up hope that he may not yet be reappointed to the high position he now holds, but the friends of other applicants are claiming they have the president's positive promise that the place shall go to some other representative of the race. The strongest factor in opposition to Lyons is unquestionably Booker Washington. These two men may be taken as the leading representatives of the two wings of the race in this country—Washington standing for the educational side, with his platform of non-participation in politics, and Lyons for the political side.

No Evidence Offered in Hummel Case.

New York, Dec. 20.—Abram H. Hummel, the lawyer who, for several days has been on trial in the supreme court on a charge of conspiracy in connection with the Dodge-Morse divorce litigation, today elected to allow his case to go to the jury solely on the evidence submitted by his accusers. The prosecution finished its case yesterday and when the trial was resumed today, counsel for Hummel announced that they were prepared to rest their case. They did not desire to offer any evidence in defense.

Want to Change Statute.

New York, Dec. 20.—State Historian Hugh Hastings called on Mayor McClellan yesterday to talk over with him the alleged blunder in the design of the statue of the mayor's father, "Little Mac," which is to be erected in Washington. General McClellan in the model made by Frederick MacMonnies, wears a slouch hat. Members of the Loyal Legion assert that he never wore any such head gear while in the federal army. They want the statue changed so that the general shall wear a fatigue cap.

Bishop Finds Cross.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Bishop Cotton has notified the police that the gold cross set with rubies reported to have been stolen had been found in the folds of his robe.

ARMEED ARMENIANS ARE ON RAMPAGE

Three Hundred Houses in Musulman Quarter Fired.

PREVENTED ESCAPE OF INMATES

Fifty-Seven Turkish Subjects Known to Have Perished—Armed Guards and Patrols Maintained in Shanghai To Cope with Coolie Troubles.

Constantinople, Dec. 20.—The latest dispatch received from Tiflis, Caucasasia, today says that 300 houses in the Musulman quarter were set on fire by armed Armenians who prevented the inmates from leaving and fired on the firemen who attempted to extinguish the flames.

The total number of Mussulmans killed is not yet ascertained, but 57 Turkish subjects are known to have perished. The fighting was continuing on Dec. 17, when the telegram was forwarded, and the Turkish consulate was overcrowded with refugees.

A telegram of the same date from Batoum, Caucasasia, reports a continuance of the disorders there.

Fears of a general massacre prevailed in the Mussulman district.

A transport with soldiers has left Constantinople for Batoum to take off the Turks.

Street Filled with Rowdies.

Shanghai Dec. 20.—Armed guards and patrols are maintained here to cope with a possible renewal of the disturbances. The streets are filled with rowdies. The shops are open, but looting is greatly feared. The U. S. cruiser Baltimore will land a force today and the British cruiser Diadem is sending 500 men ashore. Other warships are expected, and it is reported that German troops are coming here from Kiaochow.

The Chinese newspapers say the rowdies proposed to take advantage of the mixed court dispute to attack and loot the foreign settlement.

94 Per Cent of Cotton Ginned.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 20.—The national ginner's report was not completed at noon today but President J. A. Taylor authorized the statement that 489,520 bales of cotton had been ginned since the last report, making a total of 8,975,520 bales ginned to Dec. 13. President Taylor said that the crop is 94 per cent ginned. The National Ginner's association will meet here this afternoon to elect officers.

Depositors Being Paid.

Bedford, Ind., Dec. 20.—When the Bedford National bank, of which John R. Walsh, of Chicago, is president and principal stockholder opened for business today, the room soon filled with small depositors who were paid as fast as possible. There was little excitement, but the small depositors continued. Other banks have offered assistance, but it has been declined as unnecessary.

Passed Bill for Relief of Dead.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The senate began its session today by passing a bill for the relief of a dead man, the late Lieutenant William H. Hugo, who was cashiered in 1881, as Mr. Pettus, who reported the bill said, for the offense of being "tipsy" at roll call. The senator said the bill had passed the senate every session since he had been a member. At 12:45 p. m. the senate went into executive session.

Must Follow Wife to Grave.

Huntsville, Ala., Dec. 20.—W. M. McCarty, and his wife were found dead on a bed at their home in the Monrovia project. The woman had been shot, while the cause of the man's death was colorblindness. McCarty left a note in which he stated that he accidentally shot his wife while playing with his pistol, and that he must follow her. McCarty was a farmer. The coroner's jury accepted McCarty's version of the tragedy.

ASSIGNMENT TO CREDITORS.

The Amount Will Reach to Quite a Large Sum.

Pittsburg, Dec. 20.—Joseph Hastings for years associated in business with the late Cashier Clark, of the defunct bank of Allegheny, made an assignment Monday.

The amount of the assignment will reach probably \$500,000. The Union Trust company of Pittsburg was made receiver. Counsel for Mr. Hastings issued a statement last night saying that his client had been pulled down through trying to take care of bills of Clarke.

Mr. Hastings was president of the Ohio Valley Water company, and was connected with many other large enterprises both in Pennsylvania and other states. He was the owner of an immense stock farm in Kentucky.

STILL OPERATED IN A CAVE.

Deputies Make Great Raid in Virginia Mountains.

Gate City, Va., Dec. 20.—Deputy United States Marshall R. H. Wisley, assisted by a posse of citizens, made a most successful raid on the line between Scott and Russell counties, capturing six men and their distillery.

The prisoners were brought here and placed in jail.

They were operating their still in a spacious cave in the edge of Russell county. The cave was entered by means of a ladder, and the still was back about 40 feet from the place of entrance, with some plank set up to shut off the light.

Conference May Be Held at Madrid.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Ambassador White has been named as one of the representatives of the United States at the approaching Morocco conference, has informed Secretary Root of the proposition now being placed before European governments to change the place for the conference from Algiers to Madrid. Mr. White's communication does not appear to require any direct expression by the state department on this matter just at present, but it is said that no objection suggests itself to the change in the program.

Storage Plant Planned.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 20.—Prominent business men here are said to be contemplating the construction of a cold storage plant in this city at a cost of about \$100,000. The demand has been felt for some years, and is said that expenses and losses have been especially heavy for the last two years or so on account of the lack of a plant of the sort in Birmingham. So pressing has this need been at times that the local merchants have had to resort to far-distant cities like Chicago and New York.

Need Not Fear Notice

New York, Dec. 20.—George C. Hot, in the United States circuit court yesterday handed down a decision that paintings and sculptures need not be marked with the customary "copyright notice" in order to protect them from piracy. The decision sustained an action brought by Emil Weirckmeister against the American Lithograph company, and the American Tobacco company, the plaintiff charging violation of his copyright.

Arrested for Horse Stealing.

Cedartown, Ga., Dec. 20.—Henry Spurling, a white man and a former convict has been arrested and securely locked in the Centre, Ala., jail. Spurling is wanted here for stealing a mule from W. W. Cone, a prosperous farmer of this county, about the middle of October. It is charged he made away with the mule that he had stolen here and went to Alabama and then stole it, it is claimed, a horse from M. A. Mitchell, of Ross Run, Ala.

Bank Building Completed.

Cedartown, Ga., Dec. 20.—The Commercial Bank of Cedartown, has moved into their handsome new building. The building is one of the prettiest of its kind in the state, the exterior being of stone and terra cotta. The interior is handsomely finished in marble and mahogany. The flooring is Venetian mosaic tiling.

TWO MEN BURIED ALIVE IN TUNNEL

Entombed Men Sealed in Long Island Approach.

MOUTH OF TUNNEL CAVED IN

Two Hundred Men Digging Through Solid Concrete Hoping to Reach Their Comrades in Time to Save Their Lives.

New York, Dec. 20.—Two men buried 40 feet deep in a tunnel facing death in three different forms, by starvation, suffocation or drowning, and about 200 of their comrades a few feet above them digging against time to save their lives, was the situation today at the Pennsylvania railroad tunnel in Long Island city.

For more than 30 hours these two workmen have been entombed in this tunnel by the cave-in of its mouth, and it is by no means certain that there are only two men buried. The police of Long Island City says there are six.

The tunnel is being built under the East river to Manhattan island, but the entombed men are not under the river bed. They are sealed up in the approach to Long Island City, and it is reported that the water from the river which now fills the part of the tunnel directly under the river bed is kept back from them by the force of the compressed air continually pumped into their prison chamber.

The workers assert that the water must have flowed into the part of the tunnel where their comrades are buried and that they have saved themselves from its rise by climbing upon a ledge of rock near the roof of the tunnel.

The rescuers are sinking a 40-foot deep shaft straight toward the roof of the tunnel as near as possible to the place where the workmen are supposed to be. If the shaft is not very close to the men there is danger when it last pierces the cement roof that all the work will have been in vain, that the compressed air which will be released and allow the water to engulf the men before their comrades can take them out.

The life shaft was 30 feet today, but there was still about ten feet of solid concrete forming the roof of the tunnel to be pierced. This was the work of several hours, involving the use of dynamite to expedite it if at any time the signals of the buried men became faint and indicated that something had gone wrong in their tunnel chamber. They signalled incessantly by rapping on the iron pipes through which air is being pumped to them.

Among the watchers of the diggers from the mouth of the life shaft last night was Mrs. Frank Gale, the wife of one of the men believed to be in the tunnel. Today she was joined by her four children to watch the final piercing of the tunnel.

What will be done at the moment when the tunnel roof is opened has caused the workers much worry.

It has been planned to have divers ready to enter the hole if the water rises too high and at least to be prepared to drop a boat through the opening in case the men are not near enough to be reached by any other means.

To Build Cotton Mill.

Newnan, Ga., Dec. 20.—At a stockholders' meeting of the Newnan cotton mills called for the purpose of discussing the building of a new mill, it was unanimously decided to begin work early in April. The new mill will be located on the Central railway, about 2 miles south of town, and will be capitalized at \$500,000. It will contain 25,000 spindles, the present capacity of the old mill, and will be governed by the same board of directors.

Carrollton To Have New Bank. Carrollton, Ga., Dec. 20.—A new banking institution under the name of "Citizens' Bank" will open for business here about February. The capital stock subscribed is \$50,000, of which only \$25,000 will be paid in at first.